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Applicant(s): Mott et al.
Filed: 4/7/2005
Art Unit: 1732
Examiner: Johnson, Christina Ann
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Customer No.: 29,683

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Comments On Statement Of Reasons For Allowance

Sir:

This is in regard to the "Reasons For Allowance" accompanying the Notice of Allowance for this case. The examiner cites various claim limitations in her reasons. The claims are entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation; including equivalents. Thus, the scope of the claims should include equivalents to the limitations explicitly mentioned by the examiner in his reasons for allowance. This interpretation of the claims, to include the broadest reasonable interpretation, should also apply for purposes of the doctrine of equivalents. If the examiner has not been giving the claim language the broadest reasonable interpretation (including equivalents), then the examiner should address this issue further.

Furthermore, there was a **Decision On Appeal** issued by the Board Of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed July 21, 2006 reversing the prior examiner's rejections. Thus, the new

examiner's "Reasons for Allowance" are irrelevant and should be disregarded in view of the prior Decision by the Board Of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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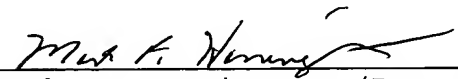
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Submission Of Replacement Drawings

Sir:

Enclosed is a set of replacement drawings for this case.

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